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On 21 May 1953, Engineer Gorlov (fnu) of the Russian Engineer Administration visited VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, and investigated the production of A-1 aerial training devices there. Early in 1953, Gorlov, together with Engineer Andronogchenko (fnu), also of the Russian Engineer Administration, had taken an active part in the negotiations with Zeiss for the delivery in 1953 of 135 A-1 devices and 30 sets of spare parts. In negotiations with Knothe (fnu), who is in charge of the assembly of A-1 devices, Gorlov became extremely excited about the fact that delivery of A-1 devices can in no case be made before September 1953. This is due to the fact that crucial material [redacted] could not be bought because the firm does not have the best currency needed.

Upon Gorlov's insistence it was agreed that delivery of A-1 devices should start as soon as possible and that by 15 December 1953 all 135 A-1 devices should be delivered. Zeiss agreed to this schedule with the provision that the material lacking can be made available by 10 June 1953.

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